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2 Application Serial No.09/843,279
3 Filing Date Apr 24, 2001
4 Inventor Mihcak et al.
Applicant Microsoft Corporation
5 Group Art Unit 2134
Examiner MORSE, GREGORY ALLAN
Attorney's Docket No. MS1-792US
6 Title: Derivation And Quantization Of Robust Non-Local Characteristics For Blind
Watermarking

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8 **CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)**

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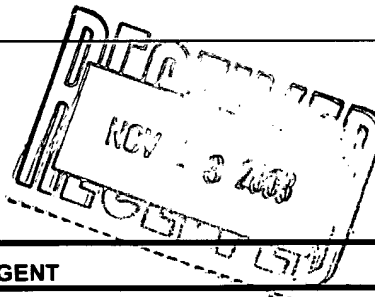
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1053	1053	130	130	Non-English specification	
1812	1812	2,520	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	1804	920*	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
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1251	2251	110	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	2252	420	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	2253	950	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	2254	1,480	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2255	2,010	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	2401	330	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	2402	330	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	2403	290	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1451	1,510	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	2452	110	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	2453	1,330	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	2501	1,330	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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1810	2810	770	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
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